Here's a mountain of news... all wrapped up in this neat little package for you!

PREMIERE FOR THE LIBRARIES OF NOBLE COUNTY

Tickets available December 1 at any library in Noble County

Ticket Prices:
- $3 (12 and under)
- $5 (13 and up)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 7:00 P.M.
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 P.M.
THE STRAND THEATRE, KENDALLVILLE

GUEST APPEARANCES BY STAR WARS CHARACTERS!
Library Catalog Now Includes OverDrive

Mid November, thousands of books from the OverDrive downloadable e-Book and Audio Book service went live on the Evergreen Indiana catalog. Now, you can search 30,000 ebooks and Audio Books from the three Evergreen Indiana OverDrive Consortia. As our patron, you have access to materials in the largest of the three, the eindiana Digital Consortium (EIDC).

To check out or place a hold on an OverDrive book through the catalog, click on EIDC. This will take you directly to OverDrive, where you can log in and continue.

This new development will be helpful for many, but it’s important that you continue to check OverDrive directly as well. The titles found through the catalog will not include magazines, or ebooks and audio books that are leased by or on loan to consortia members. Because those items are only available temporarily, they will not be shown on the Evergreen Indiana catalog and can only be found in OverDrive. Plus, you won’t be able to check your OverDrive account through Evergreen Indiana, and vice versa.

Not sure how to use OverDrive on your device? Pick up one of our handy device-specific how-to booklets or call 260-343-2019 to Book-a-Librarian and get started.

Thank You for supporting the Kendallville Public Library and its Limberlost Branch in 2015!

Vickey Hartings, Ray Scott
Mr. and Mrs. William, Carol Skorski
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Ruth Jensen, Kathy Stout
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Kristen Johnson, Tangles Salon
Journall Gazette, Jim Toigardin
Kendallville Lions Club, Tim Tew
Kendallville Mall, Tri Kappa - Alpha
The Keiman Family, Tri Kappa - Beta
KPC Media Group, Tri Kappa - Gamma Xi
Donna Lampke, Brandon Trouten
LDS Church Youth Group, Griffin Trouten
Sunshine Lee, Darcy Vance
Denise Lemmon, Mr. and Mrs. David Walter
Tammy Mack, WANK 95.5 FM
Hetha Meyer, "The Hawk"
News Sentinel, Jen Wells
NIPSCO, Kristen Wiley
Julia Moen, Yoder & Kraus, PC
Noble Nimble Thimble, Ginger Zimmerman
Quilt Club, Thank to our M.A.P.S.
Noble REMC, parents and all those
Sandra Parr, who help out before, during
Steve Parsons, and after children's
events.
Winifred Parus, A special Thank You to
Peoples Federal Savings, anyone we may have
Bank, missed.
Kendallville Lions Club, Your contributions
Kendallville Lions Club, have not gone unnoticed!

Prairie Farms is bringing back its Party On, Give On campaign for the holiday season. ’Tis the season for giving, so Prairie Farms wants to give to you, as well! Starting on November 16th, you will have the chance to enter daily to win weekly Prairie Farms Prize Packs. With each entry, you can select the Our Caps Your Cause organization of your choice (we recommend the Kendallville Public Library) to receive bonus caps if you win! This contest runs through December 31.

This is part of the Our Caps Your Cause fundraiser! It is a simple and easy way for us to raise money for our Adult Services Department and keep up with the events, activities and helpful service that you’re used to.

It’s easy to participate! Begin by purchasing Prairie Farms white or flavored milk in gallon or half gallon sizes. Peel off the cap sticker to reveal a unique, redeemable code. Go to www.prairiefarms.com and click Enter Cap Codes. From the drop down menu, select Kendallville Public Library, then enter your codes (up to 5 at a time). Click the Redeem Codes button. That’s it!

For every code redeemed, Prairie Farms will donate 5 cents to the library. Thanks for participating!
Crenshaw
By Katherine Applegate

If you want a book that will make you stay up late to finish it, look no further than Katherine Applegate’s new and highly anticipated book, Crenshaw. Applegate is most known for her novel The One and Only Ivan, which teachers often use as a read aloud, and kids seem to love. Teachers often ask us for new suggestions for read aloud books for their classrooms and this would be another great book for grades 3-5.

Crenshaw is the story of a young boy named Jackson. When Jackson was younger, his family encountered some hardships. As a result, they lost their home and they were forced to live in a van. That is when Crenshaw, Jackson’s imaginary friend and cat, first appears in the story.

His family eventually saves enough money to get a new house and everything is fine for a few years. He loses track of Crenshaw because he no longer needs him. However, complications take over and Jackson fears that his family will become homeless once again. That’s when his friend Crenshaw makes another appearance. Will Jackson be able to tell his family how he really feels or will he only be able to confide in Crenshaw?

Reviewed by Leah Desser, Children’s Librarian

Christmas and Holiday Books

Here are a few suggestions of some of our Christmas and Holiday Books:

Christmas Trolls by Jan Brett
It’s Christmas by Jack Prelutsky
Merry Christmas Mom and Dad by Mercer Mayer
Christmas Trees by Kathryn Stevens
Roc and Roe’s Twelve Days of Christmas by Nick Cannon (yes, that Nick Cannon!)
The Night Before Christmas by Clement Moore
Snow Angels: a Christmas Story by Andrew Glass
The Twelve Days of Christmas by Lauren Long
Bear’s White Christmas by Catherine Lukas

Books about Santa:
Santa Duck by David Milgrim
Santa Who? by Gail Gibbons
Dinosaur Vs. Santa by Bob Shea
I Spy Santa Claus: Riddles by Jean Marzollo

Celebrate Kwanzaa:
Celebrating Kwanzaa by Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith
Kwanzaa: a Family Affair by Mildred Walter
My First Kwanzaa Book by Deborah Chocolate

Celebrate Hanukkah:
Happy Hanukkah: A Look and Find Story by Margery Gold
Eight Winter Nights by Laura Melmed
Light the Nights by Margaret Moorman

TumbleBooks: Kendallville Public Library, East Noble Test New Pilot Program

The TumbleBook Library is more than just another portal to eBooks for kids. It also offers lesson plans for teachers, puzzles and quizzes for testing comprehension, and connects students to National Geographic videos.

Another great feature? It gives students the opportunity to enter the TumbleBook Library without the need to login and use a password.

"This is something that is a great help to Kindergarten to third grade students, but work for our fourth through sixth grade students, too," said Munk.

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This pilot testing period runs through March 2016.

Playway® Launchpads are our newest tool for early childhood development. They are geared toward children ages 3-5, and are preloaded with 10 learning apps to engage children in developing the skills necessary to start kindergarten. The Launchpads come with a charging cord, so there are no batteries to buy. Plus, these apps don’t take up space on your own personal device! Playway® Launchpads can be checked out for three weeks and are limited to one device per library card.

"This is something that is a great help to Kindergarten and 1st grade students, and one of the things that I’m most excited about," said Munk. "It’s an amazing collection of books and the animation is intriguing to readers, but the additional steps needed to log in will derail some of our youngest users. Now that barrier is eliminated."

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# December 2015
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6:00 p.m. - KPL  
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Lirael
By Garth Nix

This title may be 14 years old, but it's still worth reading more than a decade after its initial publishing. Lirael, the second book in the Abhorsen series, features a host of new main characters and vivid descriptions that make it so the reader does not necessarily have to read the first book in the series. The title character, Lirael, has never felt like one of the Clayr. Clayr is a group of mostly women who have the power to see into the future, which they like to refer to as "the sight." Lirael hasn't shown any signs of the sight and is completely distraught over this. Despite her lack of powers, the fate of the Old Kingdom falls into her hands, with no one but her faithful magical dog companion by her side for guidance. Lirael is a top notch fantasy novel you will not want to overlook.

Readers of dark and action packed fantasy novels will enjoy this series.

Read-a-like: A Great and Terrible Beauty by Libba Bray

Reviewed by Marie Kaufmann, Teen Services Manager

The Sleeper and the Spindle
By Neil Gaiman

This short, illustrated novel for teens is a dark reimaging of classic fairytales Sleeping Beauty and Snow White. On the day before her wedding, a young queen sets out to rescue a princess from a sleeping spell that seems to be spreading across the kingdoms. The young queen trades in her fabulous gowns for chainmail, sword, and steed and goes on a journey that will decide her future. This blended tale of familiar motifs will satisfy all readers. The illustrations are gorgeous and more magnificent with every turn of the page. This isn't Gaiman's finest work but it's sure to please...especially fans of fractured fairytales.

Readers of current fairytale retellings will love this quick read.

Read-a-like: Baba Yaga’s Assistant by Marika McCoola.

Reviewed by Marie Kaufmann, Teen Services Manager

LED Christmas Tree
Monday, December 14
3:30 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

Marshmallow Hot Chocolate and MASTERPIECES
Wednesday, December 2
4:00 p.m.
Limberlost Public Library
Open to Teens in Grades 6-12

Now You’re Cooking: ALL ABOUT OREOS!
Monday, December 14
4:00 p.m.
Limberlost Public Library
Tuesday, December 15
4:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

Great for Gamers at the Kendallville Public Library

Minecraft Mania!
Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.
Build the world and try to survive!
Bring your device, or use one of ours.

Cardfight Saturdays
Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
Choose Your Games:
Yu-Gi-Oh! $5 fee (includes cards)
Vanguard: $5 fee (bring your cards)
David Button Art Display
December 7 through January 30
Kendallville Public Library Art Gallery
Stop in to view the beautiful drawings that David Button has created. Some of the sights will look very familiar, as he enjoys drawing landmarks in Kendallville.

David Button's serious interest in art began with a friendship with Don Moore, East Noble High School's first art teacher. He graduated from IU with a degree in Art Education. Besides teaching, he was also in drafting at the Lane Foundry in Kendallville. David's art has been shown at the Hoosier Salon and has won other awards. He has had bronze castings sold by such companies as LL Bean, the Nature Company, and the Sierra Club. He also was involved in the production of a grave marker for the American Ex-Prisoner of War organization. Over six thousand were produced, with several being in Arlington National Cemetery.

Books Arriving in December
After She's Gone by Lisa Jackson
An Amish Year by Beth Wiseman
Anything Goes by Richard S. Wheeler
Ashley Bell by Dean Koontz
The First Hostage by Joel C. Rosenberg
House of the Rising Sun by James Lee Burke
Precious Gifts by Danielle Steel
Secret Sisters by Jayne Ann Krentz
Thunderbird by Jack McDevitt

December DVD Releases:
90 Minutes in Heaven
Ant-Man
Fantastic Four
He Named Me Malala
Hitman: Agent 47
Maze Runner: Scorch Trials
Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation
The Perfect Guy
Self/Less

Monthly Adult Events:
American Sign Language
Tuesdays, December 1, 8 & 15 at 6:00 p.m. - Kendallville

Creative Writing Workshop
Tuesdays, December 1, 8 & 15 at 6:00 p.m. - Kendallville

Book a Librarian @ Limberlost
Thursdays, December 3 & 17 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

iPad App Pack (Not scheduled for December)

Novel Conversations: The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch
Thursday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Joanna’s Dealicious Treats

David Button Art Display
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Kendallville Public Library Art Gallery

Interior Spaces: Structure
Monday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Figures: Drapery
Monday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Space is Limited • Advance Registration Required
$10 Fee Per Session (Pay in person or online via PayPal)
Open to Ages 16 and Up

KENDALLVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Cake Decorating Workshop
Fondant & Cut-Out Techniques
Thursday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

Learn from Talented Cake Decorator
Patricia Benjamin!

Being with you to the workshop:
- Basic Tips
- Piping Bag with Coupler
- cake dummy (or small round cake cut out in past)
$10 Fee (Required at Registration)
Pay at the Library or online via PayPal

CREATIVE CANVAS
WORKSHOP
with CARL MOSHER

- PAINT A SNOW SCENE
- 20 CLASS FEE
- PAY & REGISTER IN ADVANCE
- CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23
10 AM TO 2 PM
KENDALLVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28
5 TO 8 PM
LIMBERLOST PUBLIC LIBRARY

ADULT ART CLASS: ACRYLIC ON CANVAS

FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE, BUT CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO A LATER CLASS

Lighted CHRISTMAS CANVAS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 6:00 P.M.
KENDALLVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 6:00 P.M.
LIMBERLOST PUBLIC LIBRARY

$10 FEE • REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Event for Ages 18 and Up

Adult Matinee
Showing at the Limberlost Public Library!

Tuesday, December 8
12:00 p.m.
“The Preacher’s Wife”

Train Wreck
A Walk in the Woods
Staying Relevant: How the Kendallville Public Library is constantly changing, yet staying true to its mission.

Are libraries obsolete? Absolutely not. Is the circulation of physical books down from this time last year? Yes. Are we worried about that? Nope.

Here’s why. The role of libraries is changing, and has been changing since libraries were first invented. More recently, we’ve shifted from being a place where our sole purpose is checking out physical materials, to a community center which offers a wide range of services and online tools.

Our community has invested in us. It’s the people of Kendallville and Rome City that have embraced what we have been and are looking forward to what we will become. Without their support over the past 100 years, none of this would be possible now. So it’s our duty to adapt and become what they need and want.

The large numbers of people coming through our doors are using the library differently than they have in the past.

Libraries aren’t just about books, and really never have been. They’re about education. Here is an overview of the three pillars of service that we are able to provide:

- **Self-Directed Education:** Our collections are browseable. People can select a book, movie, CD, Playaway, children’s Launchpad tablet to check out, or just hang around and read or put together a puzzle. The Cortex is a prime example. This MakerSpace is geared toward self-instruction and self-expression.
- **Research Assistance and Instruction:** Every day our librarians and staff members are helping people get started on their genealogy research, find a book about a certain medical topic, or learn how to use the Chilton’s Database. Through the Book a Librarian service, we are able to provide one-on-one reference and instructional help on many topics, including research assistance and technology help.
- **Instructive and Enlightening Experiences:** These are happening every day, when a patron learns a new piece of equipment in the Cortex, a child comes in and participates in a sensory activity the staff has prepared, or someone attends a library event.

The library reaches beyond its walls on a daily basis. Our staff members are in the schools, showing students how to use our resources to enhance their education and entertainment. They’re even conducting out-of-the-box lessons for entire classrooms. Our staff and volunteers are at apartment buildings and other local organizations each month, providing WordUP programming for children and their parents. Our staff and volunteers are also out in local assisted-living facilities, reading to residents and providing a homebound delivery service.

Outreach is vital to the sustainability of a library. It’s designed to draw people into the library buildings. That’s exactly what we’re seeing happen. More people are using the library’s meeting rooms. More teens are comfortable hanging out here after school. More parents come to see – now that Preschool Storytime is a thing of the past – what the M.A.P.S. Workshops are all about.

The Cortex, a MakerSpace that opened at the Kendallville Public Library in September, is another draw. The stories we hear of people embracing the maker attitude are incredible; Young people trying to turn their lives around by learning new software in hopes of getting into a career-focused college; Mothers who are now able to use the space to teach their child skills they could never learn at home; And adults taking advantage of the tools available to let their creativity shine.

The key to this entire story? Change. Change can be good, and it’s certainly necessary.

For us, numbers are great, but it’s more about the stories. It’s the stories people read online or in the library. It’s the stories told during our events for all ages. And it’s the stories we can share...the stories of how a library has made the difference in our community and our lives.

The bottom line is that Libraries = Education. The Kendallville Public Library - your library - strives to provide you with the education you need right now, wherever you are in your life. Learning is a lifelong endeavor, and we are here, following our mission to provide access to information...for life.

For additional information on how the Kendallville Public Library is staying relevant, go to www.kendallvillelibrary.org.